



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1768

A bill to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings

As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on March 30, 2006

S. 1768 would require the US. Supreme Court to permit television coverage of all open sessions, unless a majority of justices vote to bar such recording. The Supreme Court currently prohibits recording devices in the courtroom. CBO estimates that enacting S. 1768 would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

S. 1768 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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